

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Joel C. Higgins  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Pedro Philogene  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUSES FOR ENHANCING  
PROSTHETIC IMPLANT DURABILITY  
Attorney Docket: 5490-000378

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 8, 2007, please consider the claim amendments and remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.